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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COPPER VALLEY TELEPHONE, INC., AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS OF THE COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF THE COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, AND TO INCREASE RESIDENTIAL RATES AS NECESSARY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE RATE IMPACTS OF THE FCC'S USF/ICC TRANSFORMATION ORDER

DOCKET NO. T-02727A -12-0484

MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL ORDER

Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Copper Valley Telephone") moves for a procedural order that will allow new rates to be effective by June 1, 2013.

On December 4, 2012, Copper Valley Telephone filed an application to increase residential rates to the federal \$14/month rate floor that will go into effect on June 1, 2013. As more fully set forth in its application, if residential rates are not set to \$14 by June 1, 2013, Copper Valley Telephone will lose federal high-cost loop support in an amount equal to the difference between current residential rates and the new federal floor. This will only exacerbate Copper Valley Telephone's current inability to earn a reasonable return on its utility investment.

Copper Valley Telephone's application was deemed "accepted" by operation of law on January 4, 2013. Copper Valley Telephone asks that a procedural schedule be set that will allow rates to be effective by June 1, 2013, including a hearing date, a form of notice, and deadlines for customer notice, intervention, and testimony. Copper Valley Telephone suggests that the procedural order setting the schedule be modeled after the one issued on August 29, 2012, in Docket No. T-02063A-12-0302 (Arizona Telephone Company).

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The undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for Utilities Division Staff ("Staff"). Copper Valley Telephone is authorized to state that Staff supports this Motion and that Staff is presently working on its Staff Report concerning Copper Valley Telephone's Application.

Respectfully submitted on January 22, 2013.

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